REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application. Claims 11-18 remain withdrawn from consideration. Claims 19-23 were amended by the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed January 3, 2005. Now, new Claims 24 and 25 are added by the present amendment. New Claims 24 and 25 find support at page 7, line 17 to page 9, line 32 of the specification, and in Figures 11-13, for example. No new matter is added.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed January 3, 2005 addresses the rejections directed to rejected Claims 1-10 and 19-23. Thus, no further discussion thereof is necessary.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that neither <u>Bhaskaran</u> nor <u>Thackston</u> teaches or suggests the features recited in Claims 24 and 25, and that Claims 24 and 25 are believed to be allowable over <u>Bhaskaran</u> and <u>Thackston</u>.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, and in view of the present amendment,
Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and
an early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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